

Telemarketing has made my home phone largely useless. The majority of our incoming phone calls are sales calls, for which we pay over \$60 every month. We have tried screening calls with our answering machine, having ourselves added to do not call lists, and caller-id, but the continuous interruptions of our core family time have only increased. Over the last year, the number of prerecorded calls has dramatically increased, we receive at least 10 of these calls daily, often the same offer repeated multiple days.

Telemarketing hours should be greatly constrained, I do not need a telephone marketer calling my house when I am putting my 4-year old to bed, or trying to get the kids out of the house.

Telemarketers should be forced to use caller-id, and that caller-id information should include an id number that allows me to find their do not call list to ensure that I am on it.

Pre-recorded calls should be illegal.

Outbound call systems that require the recipient to sit and wait for the caller to put a live connection on-line should be illegal.

There should be national do not call list.

Telemarketing to business lines should be illegal.

Overseas telemarketing call-centers should be illegal.

Political campaigns and non-profit organizations should not receive exemptions to these rules.

We have just transitioned our DSL connection to my wife's home office business line so that we may disconnect our home phone number. We refuse to continue paying for the privilege of being at the beck and call of people trying get us to donate money, change long-distance carriers, or refinance our home.